

Copy protection should not be mandated, or even allowed at all, on HDTV signals. Preventing consumers from recording signals, be it on Tape, DVD-R, Hard drive, or anything else, only angers consumers. HDTV should not have any different restrictions than analog. TV Stations are already getting a better deal than they had before, as they are broadcasting multiple SD or ED channels instead of the intended single HD signal. Consumers should not have to further suffer. Copy protection has historically stifled innovation, whereas equipment left open has been allowed to flourish. Look at VCR's and DAT. VCR's were deemed legal, and a whole industry flourished around them. The notion that VCR's were almost illegal is ridiculous today. Look at DAT. DAT, crippled with SCMS, basically flopped.

Copy protection only angers consumers and makes their lives difficult. The content pirates find ways around it. Copy protection only hurts honest people.